REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of January 9th, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 6, 2002, Antonio Benjamin, a Jamaican national and partowner of a club in Queens, New York, fatally shot a male victim in the head during a dispute over rap promotions and money. After the incident, Benjamin, with the assistance of two co-conspirators, placed the body in the trunk of the victim's vehicle then left the vehicle parked on a nearby street. The victim was reported missing by family members and after searching for three days, the victim's mother found his vehicle and called the police. When police arrived on the scene to secure the vehicle, they made the gruesome discovery. The NYPD's 103 Precinct requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) to locate Benjamin, who was wanted on homicide charges. NY/NJ RFTF investigators, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), conducted extensive investigation and discovered that Benjamin had fled New York and was believed to be staying at a residence in Snellville, Georgia. On January 11, 2006, Task Force investigators arrived at the target location, knocked on the door and observed movement in the house. After a short period of time, Benjamin opened the door and was taken into custody without incident. Benjamin is awaiting extradition back to New York to face homicide charges. If convicted, Benjamin will face deportation after serving out his sentence in New York.



Wanted for Murder

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 16, 2005, at approximately 4:00 a.m., members of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) responded to an address in NW Washington, D.C. and located a male subject suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene and ruled the victim of a homicide. MPD detectives were able to identify Montez Jacob Warren as the suspect and on November 7, 2005, an arrest warrant was issued, charging Warren with murder in the first degree while armed. The case was immediately turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. On the morning of January 12, 2006, after weeks of intense investigation, CARFTF investigators developed information that Warren was at a location in SE Washington, D.C. CARFTF investigators mobilized immediately, and located and captured Warren as he was attempting to enter his vehicle.



Montez Warren

Wanted for 1st Degree Murder While Armed

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Lloyd Rhodes, aka Michael Dotson, was arrested in City of Commerce, California on January 12, 2006 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF), based on information provided by the United States Marshal Service's Lone Star Fugitive Task Force. Rhodes was wanted in Texas for at least 12 armed robberies of restaurants that occurred between July and December 2005. Six of the robberies were committed in the Austin area and the others were committed in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Live Oak, and San Antonio. The net loss in the Texas robberies was believed to be in excess of \$100,000. Rhodes is also a suspect in a number of other armed robberies that were committed in Kentucky, Kansas, Colorado, and South Carolina. The Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, working in conjunction with the Austin, Texas Police Department, the Louisville, Kentucky Metro Police Department, and robbery investigators from a number of other state and local law enforcement agencies developed information that Rhodes may have traveled to the Los Angeles area, and requested assistance from the PSWRFTF in locating and apprehending Rhodes. Working closely with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) and the U.S. Marshals Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU), PSWRFTF investigators identified two casinos and a hotel that were believed to be associated with Rhodes and surveillance was initiated at all three locations. Further investigators confirmed that Rhodes, accompanied by a female, had checked into a hotel in the City of Commerce. Following a lengthy surveillance, Rhodes was observed arriving at the hotel in a taxi and entering the room. As PSWRFTF members were staging to raid the room, Rhodes came out of the room and was taken into custody without incident. A search warrant was subsequently executed at the room and a replica .45 caliber pistol, consistent with the type of weapon used in some of the robberies, was discovered and taken into evidence. Rhodes was transported to the Los Angeles County Jail pending extradition to Texas.



Wanted for multiple Armed Robberies

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 12, 2006, members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Marvin Keyes who was wanted on charges of aggravated murder following a December 2005 shoot-out with a rival gang member on Chicago's west side. A short distance away, as the shooting started between the gang members, a U.S. Postal Service employee was returning home from work. As she ran toward her residence to avoid the gun battle, she was hit by a bullet and was killed immediately. Keyes immediately fled the area. Shortly after the shooting, the Chicago Police Department requested the assistance of the GLRFTF. The GLRFTF and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group pursued numerous leads and developed information indicating that Keyes fled the Chicago area to Indianapolis, Indiana. On January 12, 2006, members of the GLRFTF arrested Keyes at his sister's residence on the south east side of Indianapolis.



Wanted for Aggravated Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 12, 2006, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) and the Atlanta Police Department arrested Ricardo Navarette at an apartment in North Atlanta. Navarette was wanted by the Atlanta Police Department in connection with the rape of his own minor daughter in August of 2005. He was indicted in Fulton County, Georgia for rape, aggravated sodomy of a child, and child molestation and warrants were issued for his arrest on November 30, 2005. On December 9, 2005, the Atlanta Police Department requested assistance from the SERFTF in locating and arresting Navarette. Investigation by the SERFTF revealed that Navarette was residing at an apartment in Atlanta, Georgia. On the evening of the January 12, 2006, investigators conducting surveillance observed Navarette driving up to the unit. As he exited his vehicle, SERFTF agents surrounded him and took him into custody without incident.



Ricardo Navarette

Wanted for Rape, Aggravated Sodomy of a Child, and Child Molestation